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LIBRARY OCCURRENCE

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 29-31

The annual conference of the Indiana Library Association will be held at Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 29, 30, and 31. It marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Association. It will be no ordinary conference, but a reunion of many prominent in the development of the Association, a review of its achievements during this first half century and a charting of its future course. Reminiscences of previous conferences, of pleasant times and friendships which have marked the course of the years will be in order. The old timers, however, will neither occupy the entire stage nor be the only ones to get special enjoyment out of the anniversary occasion. Younger librarians and recent recruits from other states will find in the conference full initiation into the Association and into the spirit of library work in Indiana.

Every librarian and every prospective librarian in the state ought to be given an opportunity to attend at least part of the conference. Libraries run with a mere skeleton staff from October 29 through 31 will give the public as great a service by impressing it with the significance of the Indiana Library Association as they could give in any other way. The conference will be not only a display of interest and pride in the library as a profession, but a means of elevating the profession and its service in the minds of its patrons—perhaps even in the minds of many who do not avail themselves of library service.

The I. L. A. has traveled a long way since nine Indiana librarians met at Indianapolis, December 10, 1891, on call from the State Library to consider forming a library association. A Library Association of Indiana was formed at the next meeting of the group, December 30, 1891. The State Library, Indianapolis Public Library and the libraries of Purdue University, Indiana University, Indiana Normal College, Wabash College and Butler University were

the only libraries represented at this meeting. The first regular annual meeting of the new organization, in 1892, was taken care of comfortably in the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the state capitol. Fifteen libraries were represented in the meeting in 1893, and thirty-one in 1894. It will be surprising if less than two hundred libraries are represented in the fiftieth anniversary meeting and if less than five hundred librarians and trustees attend.

Many achievements have marked the growth of the Indiana Library Association and its companion piece, the Indiana Library Trustees Association. A loan fund has been built up which has materially helped a number of librarians in getting training in library schools. It has promoted comradeship and an *esprit de corps* of value to its members and to the library profession. It has helped elevate the profession until it is almost, though it must be admitted as yet, not quite, on a level with that of teaching. The two associations aided effectively in securing the new State Library and Historical Building. By educating the public and the legislature, they have promoted and secured the adoption of a body of legislation which, while not yet all that it should be, has greatly extended and improved library service throughout the state. At long last, just in time to emphasize the Fiftieth Anniversary Conference of the I. L. A., the two associations have witnessed the enactment of a certification law aiming at placing positions in public libraries upon the basis of training, experience and ability.

The program and details of the meeting have been mailed to the libraries of the state. Meanwhile remember that the date is October 29-31, Wednesday to Friday inclusive, and the place Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis. The general theme of the conference is to be "Our Next Fifty Years." Among the speakers whose subjects can be

announced at this time are: Harold F. Brigham of the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library (2:30 Wednesday), his subject is "Future Implications for the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association"; Virginia Kirkus, literary critic, who will speak Wednesday evening upon "Forecasting in the Book World"; Carl M. White, librarian of the University of Illinois Library and director of the Library School, who will discuss "Future Education for Librarianship" Thursday afternoon; Mrs. Jeannette Covert Nolan, author, Indianapolis, who will talk Thursday morning on "Children's Literature"; and Ralph Munn, the "birthday dinner" speaker. Frederic G. Melcher, president of the R. R. Bowker Company, will make the award for the best library display.

The Indiana Library Trustees Association will hold its conference at the Hotel Lincoln during the anniversary meeting of the Indiana Library Association. Not yet having a semi-centennial of its own, it will join in most of the sessions of the Library Association. The trustees will also hold special sessions of their own. A rec-

ord attendance is expected from the trustees as well as the librarians.

Special Libraries Sessions

The Indiana chapter of the Special Libraries Association is to be host at a smorgasbord dinner in the Atrium of the Claypool Hotel at 6:30 Friday evening, October 31—a very pleasant aftermath of the Conference, and an appropriate observance of Hallowe'en. The charge will be \$1.10 without, or \$1.35 with, a dessert. All librarians are invited to the dinner whether they attend any other meeting or not. Those who expect to come should notify Mrs. Irene M. Strieby, Librarian, Eli Lilly Co., Indianapolis.

Following the dinner the first annual meeting of the new chapter of the Special Libraries Association will be held in the Chateau Room of the Claypool. It is announced to begin at 7:30 and is open to the public; either the dinner or the meeting can be taken separately without loss of "face". Leland R. Smith, of the State Library, is to preside. Louis A. Warren, head of the Lincoln National Life Foundation library, is to speak upon "Indiana's Interest in Abraham Lincoln."

SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

The school library section of the Indiana State Teachers Association will meet, October 23, 1941, in the Thomas Carr Howe High School. At ten o'clock in the morning there will be group discussions upon library instruction, remedial reading, publicity, library clubs, book reviews, and student assistants. Luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria.

At 2:00 P. M. Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, state director of school libraries for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and author of the *Teacher-Librarian's Handbook of Organization and Practice* just published by the American Library Association, will speak.

The school librarians' meeting in South Bend, October 23, 1941, will have for a

speaker Dr. Louis Shores, Director of the Library School of the George Peabody College for Teachers.

The survey made by the Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association shows that in 1937 there were 28 school librarians in Indiana who were graduates of library schools. For the school year 1940-41, 44 library school graduates were employed in school libraries.

The new *Teacher-Librarian's Handbook of Organization and Practice* by Mary Peacock Douglas (1941. American Library Association. \$1.90) is a needed work in this field. Librarians in the smaller schools will find it most helpful in developing school

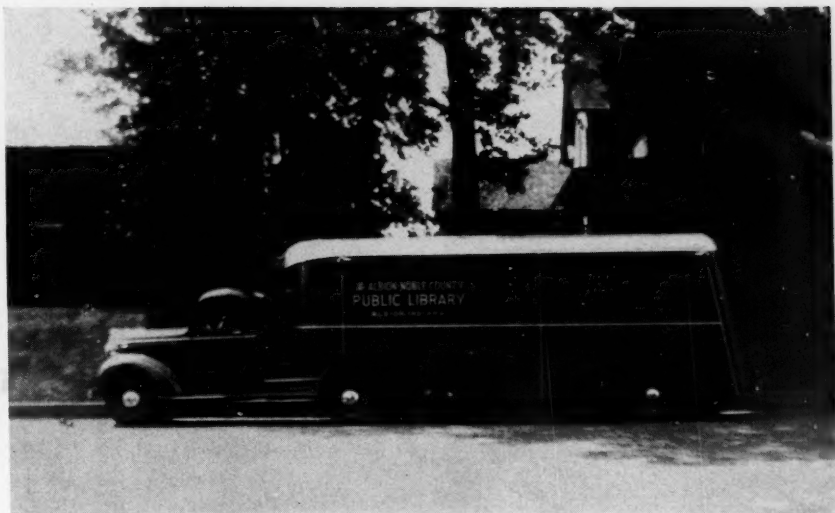


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ALBION-NOBLE COUNTY BOOK TRAILER

Three-quarter-ton Chevrolet truck with 20-foot semi-trailer. All metal body with inside sealed with plyboard. Heated with oil burner and wired for light from both city circuit and battery. Built-in charging desk, broom closet and coat closet. Capacity 2000 books. Cost \$1750.

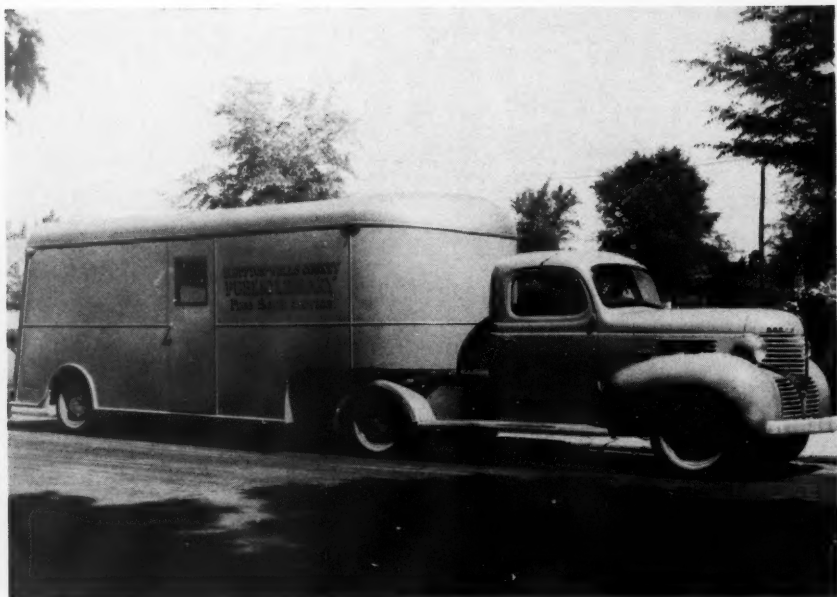


PLATE 2

BLUFFTON-WELLS COUNTY BOOK TRAILER

Twenty-foot semi-trailer pulled by a half-ton Dodge pick-up truck. Equipped with both electric lights and Coleman gas stove. Capacity 1500-2000 books. Cost \$1200.

Courtesy Larmore Studio, Bluffton.

library service. Very practical and definite helps on library organization are given with suggestions and methods for carrying out a school library program.

In the Extension Division of the State Library is a collection of sample copies of recent books and some good editions of the classics. These books are for both children and young people. They still retain the book

jackets and contain no marks of ownership. School and public libraries may borrow these for display and examination. If some new attractive books are needed for book week these will be available and will continue to be so. Libraries will be required to pay for transportation. The latest edition of the Americana Encyclopedia is also available for a loan of a few days for examination purposes.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Two New County Libraries in Process

For some time there has been much interest in library service for Henry County. Last year, Mrs. Feryl Goar, librarian of the New Castle Public Library, sponsored a county demonstration with the assistance of the W. P. A. State Library project. The interest of one board member led him to buy a small truck and have it remodeled into a very usable bookmobile. A county library rate of three-tenths of a mill was made this fall. Service with books from the public library and the W. P. A. books will be continued this year. Mrs. Goar and the library board are working on service plans for the year.

A county demonstration supervised by Mrs. Maye Jessup, librarian of the Rockville Public Library, helped and supplemented by the W. P. A. State Library Project, was organized in Parke County several months ago. Great interest was created, and this fall petitions with many more signers than necessary made a county li-

brary rate of four-tenths of a mill possible. Branch and station services which were organized during the year will be continued for the next few months. The county library board and Mrs. Jessup are studying county service in other counties, and needs of their own, and will have definite plans made for service next July.

County Library Book Trailers

In the last preceding issue of the *Library Occurrent* reports were published of twenty county libraries at work at that time in Indiana. Pictures were included of the Logansport-Cass County book trailer, the Rochester-Fulton County bookmobile, the Gary-Lake County book trailer, and the Bloomington-Monroe County bookmobile. The reports of the Albion-Noble County library and of the Bluffton-Wells County library were printed on pages 303-304 and 307-308 respectively. In this issue plates are printed of the book trailer used in each of these two counties.

LOGANSPORT-CASS COUNTY LIBRARY

The recovery of the Logansport-Cass County Library from its disastrous fire of March 17, is one of the heroic chapters in Indiana library history. Not only was the damage to the library itself and to the building almost total, but there was trouble about insurance and suit had to be filed to legalize the issuance of \$60,000 worth of bonds for rebuilding. A folder by Robert

J. Arthur, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Logansport-Cass County Library Inc., non-profit, chartered May 12, 1941, illustrates the spirit by which the catastrophe and subsequent difficulties are being overcome. Friends of the Library held a public meeting at the American Legion Home, Logansport, July 21, at which Esther Johnston formerly of

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Alice D. Stevens, librarian, Edna M. Holden, head of the County Department, the Board of Directors, and the entire staff, merit the support of all the librarians of the state in their fight to restore full equipment and full service. They are accomplishing an outstanding achievement.

THE DISTRICT MEETINGS OF 1941

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bolds of the freedom of the mind." In discussion of the place of libraries in national defense it was emphasized that industrial workers have created a demand for technical books to help them in their work and in their training courses—which creates another appeal for federal aid for libraries. Book drives for army camps are not encouraged by the War Department. Library cooperation with Latin America is to be desired but is difficult with present equipment and personnel. State aid to libraries, also, was urged and the announcement was made that after a lapse of two years new legislation will actually give Michigan libraries a state fund of \$250,000 for the next two years.

The Newberry award for the most distinguished book for young people during the preceding year was conferred on Armstrong Sperry for *Call It Courage*, a South Sea adventure story; and the Caldecott medal for a picture book went to Robert Lawson for *They Were Strong and Good*, a family album based on the author's family history. The James Terry White award for professional writing in the library field was given to Anne T. Eaton for her book, *Reading with Children*. Two library trustees were cited for their service to American libraries, William E. Marcus of Montclair, New Jersey; and Rush Burton, of Lavonia, Georgia.

Charles H. Brown, of Iowa State College Library, Ames, is president of the A. L. A. for the year 1941-42. Keyes D. Metcalf, director of Harvard University libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was elected first vice-president (and president for 1942-43); Matthew S. Dudgeon, former librarian of Milwaukee Public Library, second vice-

president; and Rudolph H. Gjelsness, chairman of the department of library science, University of Michigan, treasurer.

Writers Conference

The second Annual Writers' Conference at Indiana University, June 9-18, enabled established and prospective authors to hear and to talk to Nannine Joseph, New York literary agent; Sally Benson, short story writer; John Crowe Ransom, poet; Carl Carmer, author of *Listen to a Lonesome Drum* and *Stars Fell on Alabama*; Jeanette Covert Nolan, Indianapolis writer of children's stories; Irwin Shaw and others. Indiana Authors' Day, June 17, gave visitors an opportunity to see the various literary workshops of the Conference and to attend lectures by the leaders of the Conference.

School Libraries Conference

A Conference for School Libraries was held at Indiana University, June 24-26, in joint session with a Conference on Books and Reading for Children. Speakers were: Miss Lou LaBrant, professor of English-Education, Ohio State University; Laura K. Martin, associate professor of library science, University of Kentucky; Mrs. Portia Howe Sperry, author of *Abigail*; and Dr. Paul Witty, professor of education, Northwestern University. Among the discussion leaders were Wilma Bennett, acting librarian, University of Chicago High School; Florence Irwin, librarian, Mishawaka High School; and Mary McCarthy, assistant critic teacher in library science, and librarian, Indiana University High School.

SIX OUTSTANDING BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Reviewed by Zella Spence, Evelyn Sickels, and Carol Lanham
of the Indianapolis Public Library

Call It Courage, by Armstrong Sperry.

The Newberry medal presented each year for the most distinguished contribution to

literature for children, was given this June to Armstrong Sperry for his book *Call It Courage*.

The story happened many years ago, before the traders and missionaries first came into the South Seas, while the Polynesians were still great in numbers and fierce in heart. It is the story of Mafatu, The Boy Who Was Afraid.

The early Polynesians worshipped courage. A man who was afraid had no place in their midst. Mafatu, the son of Tavana Nui, the great chief of Hikueru, had been christened "Stout Heart" by his proud father. But the boy feared the sea from which they all drew their living. "The thunder of it filled his ears; the crash of it upon the reefs, the mutter of it at sunset, the threat and fury of its storms—at every hand, wherever he turned—the Sea."

So the people drove Mafatu forth, not by violence, but by indifference. When he was branded a coward, he knew he must prove his courage to himself and to others, or he could no longer live in their midst. He must face Maona, the Sea God—face him and conquer him. It took high courage for the boy to set forth in a small out-rigger canoe upon that sea with only his dog and a pet albatross for company. He was cast by a furious storm upon Sacrifice Island which was visited yearly by cannibals. Naked and empty-handed he wrested food, clothing, shelter, fire, and weapons, from the ocean and jungle. How he killed a wild boar and met the anger of the savage man-eaters makes thrilling reading.

Mafatu returned home with a necklace of boar's teeth shining upon his chest, a splendid spear flashing in his hand. The great chieftain of Hikueru saw the brave figure, so thin and straight, leap from his canoe. Could this boy with courage blazing from his eyes, be his son? Turning to the people crowded upon the shore, he cried, "Here is my son come home from the sea—Mafatu, Stout Heart. A brave name for a brave boy!"

It is said that even today the Polynesians sing this story in their chants and tell it over their evening fires. Armstrong Sperry invests the old legend with new vitality. He writes with imagination, sym-

pathy, and integrity. The illustrations in dark blue intensify the feeling of loneliness.

E. S.

They Were Strong and Good, by Robert Lawson.

The Caldecott award this year will meet with approval, for *They Were Strong and Good* is liked by readers of all ages, and Robert Lawson, the author and illustrator has long been a favorite. The foreword of the book says, "This is the story of my mother and father and of their fathers and mothers. It is the story of the parents and grandparents of most of us who call ourselves Americans. None of them were great or famous, but they were strong and good. They worked hard and had many children. They all helped to make the United States the great nation that it now is. Let us be proud of them and guard the heritage they have left us." Better words could not be found to introduce this very fine book. With full page pictures and very little text, the author gives a stirring picture of the average American family background. There is humor and pathos and much information in this book and its appeal is to all ages of readers.

Z. S.

Heroes of The Kalevala; Finland's Saga, by Babette Deutsch.

A beautiful retelling for older children, of the old, old tales sung long ago to the music of the kantele. Again we read of the deeds of the miraculous Vainamoinen, and of the homely wisdom of his people. The selection of stories, with some slight alteration, duplicates that of Fillmore's, "Wizard of the North", and Baldwin's, "The Sampon". Compared to these former retellings of the Kalevala, this retains to a much greater degree what seems to be the magical, poetic flavor of the original ballads. The stories have distinctive literary quality and are told with much sympathy, humor and appreciation.

C. L.

Blue Willow, by Doris Gates.

Janey Larkin was a little girl whose father had been a successful farmer in Texas.

Drought and hot winds had forced him to give up his farm and seek a living elsewhere. He and his family joined the train of cottonpickers who were always moving from place to place, working a few days or weeks and then going on to the next ranch which offered an opportunity for work. When the eternal question was asked, "How long are you going to stay?" Janey longed to be able to say, "As long as we want to." She wanted to have a home where she could go to school and be a part of the community, but more than that she longed for a suitable setting for a precious heirloom which she had managed to save—a beautiful blue willow plate. It was the link between the one-room shack under the hot sun and the happy home she could dimly remember. Her dreams were realized when her father was given a permanent place as overseer of a ranch.

This is a faithful picture of a migrant family in the Southwest. It is written by the head of the Children's Department of the Fresno County Free Library in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley, the scene of the story. She has seen many Janey Larkins and has even told them stories in camp schools. Not limited to the migrant problem, it is the story of a bright, sensitive little girl, her family and her friends. The drawings by Paul Lanta should receive attention, for they have caught the fine sensitive nature of this little migrant girl.

Z. S.

Haym Salomon, Son of Liberty, by Howard Fast.

An entirely different aspect of America's struggle for freedom is presented for young people in this fictionized biography of a thin, kind-eyed, magnificent little Jew. Haym Salomon, Philadelphia broker and American patriot, gave all for the freedom of his country—something which yielded for him neither glory nor honor, but death.

Until now, he has remained unsung, at least in literature for children. It is not only a story of a man with tremendous strength of purpose but also a vivid picture of this stormy period and the battles fought behind the scenes, without which there would have been no victory. Extremely fine characterization, and a timely, sympathetic picture of the Jew and his eternal problem.

C. L.

The Making of a Democracy, by Gertrude Hartman.

In an excellent, clear style, for junior high school age, the development of democracy is traced from feudal days to the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Stress is laid on England's contribution to the struggle for greater equality of liberty and freedom before the settling of this country. The rise of dictatorship and the resulting problems facing America today are introduced and handled extremely well for young readers. The account is humanized by emphasis on the many historic figures involved down through the centuries. Impressive, inspirational, non-sentimental, this book is outstanding for its singularity of purpose.

C. L.

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Fast, Howard. *Haym Salomon, Son of Liberty*. Messner, 1941. \$2.50.

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Checklist Compiled by Margaret Pierson

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ACCIDENT PREVENTION BUREAU.

Fatalities [ratings of cities and counties in Indiana traffic safety contest] Year end, 1940. [6]p. Mimeographed.

ACCOUNTING AND STATISTICS, DIVISION OF.

*Roster of state and local officers of the state of Indiana, 1941 1st edition. 58p.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES COMMISSION.

Bulletin, nos.88-90, May 1, May 24, 1941. Mimeographed. Indiana alcoholic beverages law effective May 1, 1941. 169p.

APPELLATE COURT.

Reports of cases decided in the Appellate court of the state of Indiana . . . v.106, from October 4, 1939, to April 30, 1940. Available on exchange for court reports of other states through the Supreme court-Law library, 316 State house, Indianapolis.

BLIND, BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL AID FOR.

*26th annual report, 1939/40. 32p.

CONSERVATION, DEPT. OF.

Outdoor Indiana, v.8, nos.4-5, May-June, 1941. 22d annual report, 1939/40. cover-title, p.285-377. Reprinted from 1940 Year book. *Entomology, Division of.* [Letter to beekeepers, by James E. Starkey] May-June, 1941. 2 nos. Mimeographed.

Report, 1939/40; list of nurserymen, 1940/41. 21p. [Fish and game, Division of.] Indiana lakes and streams stocked with fish from state hatcheries. [1940] [4]p.

Summary of Indiana laws for the protection of fish, game, and fur-bearing animals and birds, 1941/42. folder (6p.)

[Forestry, Division of.] Indiana forestry program creates future timber, aids recreation. [1940] [4]p.

Geology, Division of. Henry county. Well logs 1931 to June 1, 1941. 4p. Mimeographed. Supplement to Publication 108. "Sub-surface strata of Indiana." Price: 15 cents.

Indiana oil and gas news, May 1, June 4, 1941. 2 nos. Mimeographed.

Oil and gas development in Indiana during 1939, by R. E. Essary and G. F. Fix. [9]p. Price: 25 cents.

Perry county, Indiana. Well log supplement, May 1, 1941. 125p. Mimeographed. Supplement to Publication 108. "Sub-surface strata of Indiana." Price: 50 cents.

Randolph county. Well logs 1931 to June 1, 1941. 3p. Mimeographed. Supplement to Publication 108. "Sub-surface strata of Indiana." Price: 15 cents.

Vanderburgh county. Well log supplement, June 1, 1941. 140p. Mimeographed. Supplement to Publication 108. "Sub-surface strata of Indiana." Price: 50 cents.

EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, STATE BOARD OF.

Directory of licensed embalmers and licensed funeral directors. Rules and regulations . . . effective May 7, 1941. 126p.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION.

Employment security act . . . as effective April 1, 1941. 44p. Unofficial edition. Indiana employment review, v.8, nos.1-6, January-June, 1941. v.8, nos.1-3, January-March, 1941, issued by the Employment service.

Indiana unemployment compensation benefits, a handbook for employees. Issued May 1, 1941. 12p.

EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL, Evansville.

*Annual report . . . 1939/40, 60th year. 51p.

FIRE MARSHAL.

*Laws and regulations pertaining to dry cleaning and dry dyeing . . . effective July 1, 1941. 12p.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—INDIANA, DEPT. OF.

Journal of 61st annual encampment . . . June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1940. 49p.

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

Annual report, 1939/40. 136p.

[The Hoosier health officer, a biography of Dr. John N. Hurty, by Thurman B. Rice] [1941] Reprinted from the Indiana state board of health. Monthly bulletin, p.65-79.

Monthly bulletin, v.44, nos.4-5, April-May, 1941. Postgraduate courses in obstetrics, Indiana university School of medicine. [1940/41] [4]p.

Communicable diseases, Bureau of. Annual report, 1939/40. 9-22p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Health and physical education, Bureau of. [Annual report, 1939/40] 8p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Recommendations for public school programs of health and physical education for national defense. [March, 1941] 5p. Mimeographed.

Tentative program of Bureau of health and physical education. [March, 1941] [2]p. Mimeographed.

Industrial hygiene, Bureau of. [Annual report, 1939/40] 23-25p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Maternal and child health, Bureau of. [Annual report, 1939/40] 70-74p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Sanitary engineering, Bureau of. Annual report, 1939/40. 103-132p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Public and semi-public sewage treatment works in Indiana, 1939/40. 120-121p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

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Sanitary standards (minimum requirements) for suburban dwellings. [1941] 12p.

Veneral diseases, Bureau of. [Annual report, 1939/40] 63-69p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Weights and measures, Bureau of. Annual report, 1939/40. 75-88p. Reprinted from State board of health. Annual report, 1939/40.

Bushel weight law. [1941] 1p.

Functions of the state commissioner of weights and measures, and of the state, county, and city inspectors. [Revised, 1941] folder (8p.)

HISTORICAL BUREAU.

Committees of the Indiana historical society. 1941. cover-title, [3]p. Reprinted from Indian history bulletin, v.18, no.2, February, 1941.

Directory of covered bridges in Indiana, revised to December 1, 1940. Compiled for Committee of Indiana historical society on covered timber bridges, by Robert B. Yule and Richard C. Smith. cover-title, p.62-66. Reprinted from Indiana history bulletin, v.18, no.2, February, 1941.

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- Boone. New York, D. Appleton and company. 1892. 464p. Reprinted by offset process, 1941.
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 The preparation of manuscripts for publication. p.[273]-274. Reprinted from the Indiana history bulletin, v.17, no.7, July, 1940.
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 *Proceedings, v.50. Spring meeting, Spring mill state park, May 3 and 4, 1940; 56th annual meeting. Ball state teachers college, November 14, 15, and 16, 1940. 280p.
 [Program] Spring meeting, Cannelton, Indiana, May 9-10, 1941. [4]p. Winona H. Welch, Greencastle, Indiana, secretary.
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- INDIANA CORN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.
 *41st annual report, 84p. K. E. Beeson, Lafayette, Indiana, secretary-treasurer.
- INDIANA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
 Hoosier horticulture, v.23, nos.4-6, April-June, 1941.
 Transactions, 1940. Edited by Monroe McCown, Lafayette, Indiana, secretary-treasurer. 92p.
- INDIANA REFORMATORY, Pendleton.
 *Annual report, 1939/40. 86p.
- INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.
 Closing concert [program] May 26th, 1941. [3]p.
 Commencement [program] May 28d, 1941. [8]p.
 Senior recital [program] May 4th, 1941. [3]p.
- INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CHILDREN'S HOME, Knightstown.
 The Home journal, v.53, nos.4-6, April-June, 1941.
- INDIANA STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION.
 *51st annual report. 50th anniversary meeting . . . January 16, 1941. 94p.
- INDIANA STATE FARM, Putnamville.
 Hilltop-ic, [v.3,nos.1-3] [April 10] April 25, May 25, 1941. Mimeographed.
- INDIANA STATE SANATORIUM, Rockville.
 The Hoosier res-cuer, v.16, nos.10-12, April-June, 1941.
- INDIANA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
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- INDUSTRIAL BOARD.
 Workmen's compensation and occupational diseases acts of Indiana and rules of the Industrial board, May 15, 1941. 94p.
- LAW EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.
 29th examination [questions] June 23-[24] 1941. [10]p.
- LEGISLATIVE BUREAU.
 House standing committees, legislative session, 1941. 14p.
 Laws passed and appropriations made by the Indiana General Assembly of 1941. Compiled by [the] Legislative bureau and State budget dept. Senate standing committees, legislative session, 1941. 13p.
- MEDICAL REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION, STATE BOARD OF.
 Report, 1939/40. 1p.
- MILK CONTROL BOARD.
 Milk control law, milk production and marketing—declaration of policy. [Revised, 1941] 34p.
- MINES AND MINING, BUREAU OF.
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- PERSONNEL, BUREAU OF.
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- PLANNING BOARD.
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- PROBATION DIVISION.
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 Public welfare in Indiana, v.51, nos.5-6, May-June, 1941.
 Library. Readings and references on problems concerning illegitimacy and the unmarried parent. Compiled by Helen Rogers . . . April 7, 1941. 22p. Mimeographed.
 Statistical section. Quarterly statistical survey, v.7, no.2, October, November, December, 1940. 18p.
- PUBLICITY, DIVISION OF.
 New income and larger profits for the people of Indiana. [1940] [4]p.
- SECURITIES COMMISSION.
 Bulletin, nos.2-4, May 1, April 1, 1941. Mimeographed, nos.2 and 3 combined.
 Indiana securities law. [1941] 33p.
- STATE, DEPT. OF.
 Annual report, 1939/40. Also May primary and November general election returns of 1940. 86p.
 Indiana congressional apportionment map. 1 sheet. 14 x 8½ in.
 Laws of the state of Indiana passed at the 82d regular session . . . 1941. 1106p.
- STATE LIBRARY.
 *Library occurrent, v.13, no.10, April-June, 1941. [2], 291-320p.
- TAX COMMISSIONERS, STATE BOARD OF.
 Manual of real estate assessment for the state of Indiana, basic principles and methods of procedure. 1941. [53]p. Price: 50 cents.
- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DIVISION.
 Benefit rules under the Indiana unemployment compensation law, revised, April 1, 1939. 1 sheet.
 No magic wand can bring you a job. [1941] [8]p. Processed.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS—INDIANA, DEPT. OF.
Encampment memorial order, Linton, Indiana,
June 8, 1941. [4]p.
General orders, Series, 1940/41, nos.7-8, May 1,
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BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, Muncie.
Ball state commerce journal, v.12, no.1, Novem-
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Bulletin, v.33, nos.1-3, January-March, 1940;
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Pied pipings of the Poets' club, v.13, 1941.
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March, May, 1941.

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Bulletin (official series) v.39, nos.6-9, 11, April
15, 30, May 15, 31, June 30, 1941.
Financial report, 1939/40, 137p.
History of Indiana university, v.1, 1820-1902, by
James Albert Woodburn, 507p. For sale by the
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64p.
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Fort Wayne center. Day and night
classes, Spring, 1941. cover-title, 32p.
Institute of politics. Negro political behavior, a
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ary, 1941. 19p. Mimeographed. Price: 10 cents.
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Medical center. Quarterly bulletin, v.3, no.2, April,
1941. [2], 48-79p.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, Lafayette.
Cary club handbook. [1940] 27p.
Program, annual agricultural conference, Janu-
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Purdue dad's news, v.11, nos.3-4, March, May,
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Purdue memorial union. [Revised, 1940] folder
(16p.)
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Agricultural experiment station. Agricultural sta-
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revised edition) January, 1941; no.216 (revised)
March, 1941; no.225 (2d revised edition) April,
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1941; no.256, March, 1941; no.257, February,
1941; no.258, March, 1941.
Leaflet, nos.189 (2d revision) March,
1941; 222, May, 1941.
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Note

In furtherance of the distribution of state documents through the State Library, in-
quiries were sent recently to Indiana pub-
lic libraries to ascertain whether or not
they wanted certain state documents sent
them regularly every year. As yet only one
hundred and six of these have replied. It
will prevent confusion, and save both ex-
pense and future trouble if Margaret Pier-
son, of the State Library, is informed by
each library what documents it wants. This
can best be done by checking on the lists
sent by Miss Pierson, documents wanted
and mailing the list to her.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Boyd, Anne Morris. *United States Gov-
ernment Publications, sources of infor-
mation for libraries*. 2d ed. completely
rev. 1941. 548p. H. W. Wilson, New York.
\$4.50.

This revision of the edition published in
1931 includes federal agencies in existence
as of July 1940. The arrangement follows
that of the organization of the government;
that is, by legislative, judicial, and execu-
tive branches, then by major divisions un-
der each. Information concerning the or-

ganization, history and duties of the di-
visions is given to aid in an understanding
of the nature of their publications. Miss
Boyd has selected many of the more im-
portant documents from the thousands is-
sued annually. One chapter is devoted to
promoting the use of government publica-
tions; an appendix contains useful material
on the organization of federal government
documents in depository libraries, and
twelve charts illustrate the organization of
the government departments.

Coney, Donald, Henkle, Herman H., and Purdy, G. Flint. *A Survey of the Indiana University Library*. 1940. 164p. A. L. A. \$2.00.

This survey was made February-July 1940 on behalf of the American Library Association at the request of President Wells and the Trustees of Indiana University. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the present organization and administration of the library and to submit recommendations which would bring it to a higher level of performance. Part II of the survey is devoted to a discussion of the advisability of establishing a library school at Indiana University.

Loizeaux, Marie D., comp. *Library on the Air*. 1940. 364p. H. W. Wilson, New York. \$2.25.

With emphasis on ideas which can be adapted to local publicity, the compilation includes thirty-seven representative scripts which have proved effective in library broadcasting for adults. From nearly two hundred scripts submitted by libraries, Miss Loizeaux selected material for an added chapter "Random Ideas" in which she offers several original plans for a variety of library broadcasts. All the scripts are royalty-free on non-commercial, library, educational and amateur broadcasts.

Standard Catalog for Public Libraries, compiled by Dorothy E. Cook and Isabel S. Monro. 1940. 2192p. H. W. Wilson, New York. Service basis.

This edition includes twelve thousand books carefully selected with the assistance of librarians and specialists. The arrangement follows that of the 1934 edition. In addition to the twelve thousand annotated books about 2900 titles are listed in notes. Many out of print and out of date books have been dropped and new books have been added. Approximately 2170 books recommended for first purchase in small libraries are starred.

Stories to Tell. 1940. 62p. Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore. 25c.

A selected list of stories and poems suitable to tell children prepared by the Children's department of the Enoch Pratt free library. Brief annotations are given with each entry. There is also a subject index to the stories.

Wellard, James H. *The Public Library Comes of Age*. 1940. 204p. H. W. Wilson, New York. \$2.60.

An analytical survey of the public library in relation to society and as a cultural agency. In the first division, the democratic values of American libraries are compared with those of foreign libraries. In the second part libraries are discussed in relation to other social agencies. The last part deals with administration, routine and economy.

Wheeler, Joseph L., and Githens, Alfred M. *The American Public Library Building, its planning and design with special reference to its administration and service*. 1941. 484p. Scribner, New York. \$4.00.

A comprehensive study of the principles of library planning beginning with the trustees' part in the building program. Problems of location, costs, and accommodations for each department, for staff rooms, lecture rooms and exhibit rooms are discussed. One section is devoted to analyses of recent library plans. Planning for special types of buildings, as village, county and branch, is given separate attention. Finally, suggestions are included for equipment, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and furniture.

Ker, Annita M. *Mexican Government Publications*. Library of Congress, Washington. 1940. Pp. xxi, 333. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, \$1.25.

The more important publications of the national government of Mexico, 1821-1936, are listed under the legislative, the executive, and the judicial branches; in each case the list is preceded by a brief but illuminating description of the branch of the government concerned. A section of thirty-nine pages is devoted to the official gazette, some form of which has been published at

short intervals since the year 1821. The confusion of governments is revealed and at the same time wisely taken care of by the plan of the author: "we have not attempted to separate what was published by the government now considered to have been legitimate, and what was published by governments not now so considered. This policy has led in a few cases to our listing two publications, both issued at the same time and both calling themselves official . . . the publications of the second empire are not included." The excellence of the list, the complete indexes (titles and general), and the other apparatus make the volume an almost indispensable adjunct to any collection of books upon Mexico.

Book Week is November 2-8 and the theme is "Forward With Books." Book Week Headquarters, 62 West 45th Street, New York City, has a colored poster, 17" by 22", for sale at twenty cents each, or six for one dollar. They also have book week plans and invite librarians to write and ask for them.

A selection of books on democracy has been set aside in an alcove of the Main

Reading Room at the Library of Congress, for the use of readers there. Librarians who wish to obtain a copy of the list of these books may do so by addressing the Reference Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Indiana, Directory of Federal and State Agencies, compiled by Office of Government Reports, Indianapolis; Lewis F. Hutchinson, acting state director, 301 Chamber of Commerce Building. Directory revised to August 15, 1941. Mimeographed, paper covers. Pp. xix, 106. This is a very convenient listing of United States offices which have direct connection with Indiana state and local governments, and of state officials and departments. Among the lists are included Regional Offices of Federal Agencies which serve Indiana, a Geographical Index, United States Government (with local offices and officers listed by United States departments), and State of Indiana (United States Senators, United States Representatives, and state officials in departments). The table of contents serves as a convenient guide and is supplemented by an individual index.

SUPPLEMENT TO SUBJECT LIST OF HOME MADE INDEXES IN INDIANA LIBRARIES

Compiled and Edited by Harriett Golay, Indianapolis Public Library, and Irene Mason, Indiana State Library, Members of the Local Index Committee of I. L. A.

This index is a supplement to the index published in the April-June 1940 *Library Occurrent* (Volume 13, number 6, pp. 179-184). It completes Indiana's part in a national project, sponsored by the Junior Members Round Table of the American Library Association. It does not include bibliographies, catalogs of libraries or parts of libraries, nor indexes to pamphlet files. In most cases the size of the index has been estimated.

AIRPLANES.
AIRPLANE STORIES. Alphabetical. On cards. 20 entries. Few additions. Marion P.L., Marion.

AMERICANA (American historical magazine), see **PERIODICALS**.

ART, see **PICTURES**.

AUTHORS. Author index. Includes books, clippings, and periodicals. Alphabetical. On cards. 900 entries. Current additions. E. Chicago P.L., E. Chicago.
See also **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**; **INDIANA—AUTHORS**.

BIOGRAPHY. Biography of authors. Includes book jackets, magazines, and newspapers. Scrap book. Alphabetical. 250 entries. Frequent additions. Plymouth P.L., Plymouth.

BIBLE—STUDY, see **SUNDAY SCHOOL**.

BIOGRAPHY, see **AUTHORS—BIOGRAPHY**; **GENEALOGY**; and subheadings under particular localities; i.e., **INDIANA—BIOGRAPHY**.

BOOKS—JUVENILE, see **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**.

BOOKS AND READING. Reading courses prepared for individuals. Includes books and pamphlets. Alphabetical by subject. Chronological. On cards. Frequent additions. Indpls. P.L., Indpls.

CENSUS, see INDIANA—CENSUS.

CHARACTER. Character traits. Alphabetical by subject. On cards. 75 entries. Few additions. E. Chicago P.L., Child. room, E. Chicago.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. Newberry and Caldicott medal material. Chronological. 21 entries. Annual additions. E. Chicago P.L., E. Chicago.

CHRISTMAS. Christmas. Includes books and pamphlets. Alphabetical. On cards. 220 entries. Occasional additions. Marion P.L., Marion.

Christmas stories. Alphabetical by author and title. In process. Ind. state lib., Ref. dept., Indpls.

Christmas stories. Includes books and a few periodicals. Alphabetical by author and title. On slips. 400 entries. Current additions. Crawfordsville P.L., Crawfordsville.

COAT OF ARMS, see GENEALOGY; PERIODICALS. Americana.

CONGRESSIONAL DIGEST, see DEBATES.

CONSUMER'S DIGEST, see PERIODICALS.

DAVISS COUNTY (Ind.)—BIOGRAPHY, see KNOX COUNTY (Ind.)—BIOGRAPHY.

DAVISS COUNTY (Ind.)—HISTORY, see KNOX COUNTY (Ind.)—HISTORY.

DEBATES DIGEST, see DEBATES.

DEBATES. Debate index. Includes material in Debates digest, Congressional digest, and special magazine articles. 200 cards. Current additions. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

DRAMA, see PLAYS.

EAST CHICAGO (Ind.)—HISTORY. Local material, current events and biography. Alphabetical by subject. 250 entries. Frequent additions. E. Chicago P.L., Adult dept., E. Chicago.

EASTER. Easter. Includes books and pamphlets. Alphabetical. On cards. Occasional additions. 20 entries. Marion P.L., Marion.

ELKHART (Ind.)—BIOGRAPHY. Elkhart men in the World War. Alphabetical. On cards. 1500 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

ENTERTAINMENTS. Entertainment booklets. Includes booklets and clippings. 50 entries. Frequent additions. Alexandrian free library, Mt. Vernon.

FICTION. Historical novels. Chronological. 206 entries. Infrequent additions. Brookville P.L., Brookville.

GENEALOGY. Hartford Times genealogy column. In process. Indiana state library, Genealogy sect., Indpls.

See also PERIODICALS. Americana.

INDIANA genealogy column. Indianapolis Star. Alphabetical by subject. On cards. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes. Records of St. Xavier's Parish, Vincennes, Ind., 1749-1888. Copy of. Compiled by Achilles Robulus, W. P. A. worker. Burton historical collection. Detroit P.L., Detroit, Mich. Indiana state lib., Genealogy sect., Indpls.

See also IND.—BIOGRAPHY; IND. Census.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. U. S. government documents. Subject index to. (Selective) Alphabetical by subject. On cards. 15 catalog drawers. Frequent additions. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

HALLOWE'EN. Hallowe'en. Includes books and pamphlets. Alphabetical. On cards. Occasional additions. 7 entries. Marion P.L., Marion.

HANDICRAFTS. Handicraft index; added entries to Lovell & Hall Index to handicrafts, including books, bound periodicals, and pamphlets. Alphabetical by subject. 200 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

HARTFORD TIMES, see GENEALOGY.

HERALDRY, see PERIODICALS.

HISTORICAL NOVELS, see FICTION.

HOLIDAYS. Holiday material. Includes books and clippings. Alphabetical by subject. On cards. 300 entries. Annual additions. E. Chicago P.L., Child. room, E. Chicago.

Holiday material. Includes books, periodicals. Alphabetical by subject. On cards. 1350 entries. Frequent additions. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

See also names of individual holidays; e.g., CHRISTMAS.

INDIANA. Indiana subjects. Includes state documents, periodicals, bulletins, pamphlets, occasional parts of books. On cards. 300 entries. Current additions. Muncie P.L., Muncie.

AUTHORS. Elkhart county authors. Includes works and biographical items. On cards. Alphabetical. 45 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

BIOGRAPHY. Indiana and Indians by Jacob P. Dunn. Alphabetical. Mimeographed, bound. 197 pages. Indpls. P.L., Ref. room, Indpls.

See also subheadings under names of particular localities; e.g. INDIANAPOLIS—BIOGRAPHY; KNOX COUNTY—BIOGRAPHY.

CENSUS. Mortality records, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880. In process. Indiana state library, Genealogy sect., Indpls.

GENEALOGY, see GENEALOGY—INDIANA.

GEOLOGY. Reports of the Indiana geological survey, v.28-40, 1903-1915. Alphabetical by subject. Typed sheets in pamphlet binder. 5 pages. Indpls. P.L., Technical dept., Indpls.

HISTORY. A consolidated index to thirty-two histories of Indianapolis and Indiana. Alphabetical by subject. Mimeographed, bound. 363 pages. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls. Indiana and Indians, by Jacob P. Dunn. Alphabetical. Mimeographed, bound. 197 pages. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

See also subheading under particular localities, i.e. INDIANAPOLIS—HISTORY.

INDIANAPOLIS—BIOGRAPHY. Greater Indianapolis, the history, the industries, and the institutions and people of a city of homes, by Jacob P. Dunn. Alphabetical by subject. Mimeographed, bound. 116 pages. Indpls., Ref. dept., Indpls.

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INDIANAPOLIS STAR, see GENEALOGY—INDIANA.

JUVENILE LITERATURE, see CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

KNOX COUNTY (Ind.)—BIOGRAPHY. History of Knox and Daviess counties, by Goodspeed. In process. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

HISTORY. History of Knox and Daviess counties, by Goodspeed. In process. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

MONOLOGUES, see READINGS AND RECITATIONS.

MYTHOLOGY. Personifications and symbols of the mythology of all races. Alphabetical. Typed sheets, bound in boards. 750 entries. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

MUSIC. Music. Alphabetical by title and composer. On cards. 340 entries. Marion P.L., Marion.

Sheet music. Alphabetical by composer and title. On cards. 250 pieces. Crawfordsville P.L., Crawfordsville.

NEWSPAPERS, see GENEALOGY; GENEALOGY—INDIANA.

NOVELS, see FICTION.

OCCUPATIONS, see VOCATIONS.

PAINTINGS, see PICTURES.

PARTIES (Social), see ENTERTAINMENTS.

PERIODICALS, *Americana* (American historical magazine), Index to coats of arms and family histories in. Alphabetical. On cards. 1450 entries. Current additions. Indpls. P.L., Genealogy dept., Indpls. Consumers' digest, Oct. 1937-Feb. 1940. On cards. Alphabetical by subject. 350 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

PICTURES. Art collection. On cards. Alphabetical. Paintings by artist and title; historical pictures by subject; portraits by subject. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

Paintings in books and magazines. On cards. Alphabetical by title and artist. 5,000 entries. Frequent additions. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

Picture file. On cards. Alphabetical by subject. 40 headings. Marion P.L., Marion.

PLAYS. One act plays not included in Logans and Ver Nooy. Index to one act plays. On cards. Alphabetical by author and title. 500 entries. Current additions. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

Plays for production. Alphabetical by subject. On cards. 4 catalog drawers. Current additions. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

POETRY. Poetry scrap book. Includes poems from magazines and newspapers. Alphabetical by subject. 300 poems. Monthly additions. Plymouth P.L., Plymouth.

— Dogs. Dog poetry. Alphabetical by title of poem. On cards. 50 entries. E. Chicago P.L., E. Chicago.

PORTRAITS, see PICTURES.

POSEY COUNTY (Ind.)—HISTORY. Historical society records of Posey county. Includes clippings and written articles. Alphabetical by subject, title, and author. On cards. 186 entries. Alexandrian free library, Mt. Vernon.

READINGS AND RECITATIONS. Monologues. Alphabetical by title. On cards. 2 catalog drawers. Current additions. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

Werner's readings. Alphabetical by subject. Typed sheets in pamphlet binder. 46 subjects. Indpls. P.L., Ref. dept., Indpls.

REFERENCE QUESTIONS. [Catch reference file] Includes reference books, bound magazines, etc. On cards. 351 entries. Frequent additions. Alexandrian free library, Mt. Vernon.

Reference subject catalog [catch reference file] Includes books, unindexed periodicals, pamphlets,

documents, etc. On cards and p slips. 5,000 entries. Regular additions. Muncie P.L., Muncie.

SOLDIERS—EUROPEAN WAR, 1914-1918, Elkhart (Ind.). Elkhart men in the World War. Alphabetical. On cards. 1500 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Maclure collection; books from the Maclure workingman's library (1826) Vincennes P.L. On cards. Dewey decimal arrangement. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

School collection; books from the old school collection now owned by Vincennes P.L. On cards. Dewey decimal arrangement. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

Township collection; books from the old Township library (1865) now owned by Vincennes P.L. On cards. Dewey decimal arrangement. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Snowden's Sunday school lesson. Alphabetical by subject. 50 entries. Elkhart P.L., Elkhart.

THANKSGIVING. Thanksgiving. Includes books and pamphlets. Alphabetical. On cards. Occasional additions. 68 entries. Marion P.L., Marion.

VINCENNES (Ind.)—HISTORY. Historical collection. Includes books of state and local interest. On cards. Vincennes P.L., Vincennes.

VOCATIONS. Career books. Alphabetical by author and subject. On cards. 75 entries. Frequent additions. Marion P.L., Marion.

WOMEN. Women. Includes magazines and newspapers. Alphabetical by subject and name. 100 entries. Frequent additions. Plymouth P.L., Plymouth.

Request for Indexes

For over a year, the Junior Members Round Table of the A. L. A. has been collecting lists of the "home-made" indexes which have been carefully built up for use in individual libraries. It will soon start compiling the classified "Union List" that will make all these card files and indexes available to everyone. But before beginning on this it would like to issue a last call to those libraries who have yet to report the existence of such reference files.

If anyone reading this knows of any indexes—no matter what the form, subject, or size—will he or she please send a penny postcard to me (member of the national committee)—Robert S. Alvarez, Public Library, Brockton, Mass.—and I shall forward a form to make listing simpler. Whether these files be in public, school, college, or special libraries, we are anxious to learn of them, and are certain that our appreciation of their inclusion will be shared by those who will profit by their use in the future.

A LIBRARY MANUAL FOR INDIANA SCHOOLS

A new edition of *A Library Manual for Indiana Schools* was issued July 8 by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Indiana as its *Bulletin No. 123*. The revision of the manual was made under the direction of Amanda E. Browning, first assistant of the extension division of the State Library and School Library Advisor. The members of the committee were: Margaret I. Rufsvold, Assistant Professor in Library Science, Indiana University;

Margaret H. Griffen, Senior High School, Anderson; and, Margaret Maurice, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, South Bend.

The following persons acted in an advisory capacity: Hazel E. Armstrong, Librarian, Indiana State Teachers College; William M. Hepburn, Librarian, Purdue University; Ellen D. Kistler, Cataloger, University of Notre Dame; Glenn R. Maynard, Librarian, Butler University; Lawrence W. Shultz, Librarian, Manchester

College; Barcus Tichenor, Librarian, Ball State Teachers College; and, Genevieve B. Hardy, Senior High School, South Bend.

Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, explains the publication in a short Foreword, a brief Introduction, and gives further information about the manual and its use.

The subjects taken up in the manual include: Administration of the High School Library, Administration of the Elementary School Library, Requirements for Licensed Librarians, State School Relief, Instruction

in the Use of Books and Libraries, Outline of Classification, Picture Books and Easy Books, Books for the Upper Primary and Intermediate Grades, and Books for the Junior and Senior High School. There is also an author index of 31 pages, double-column, and a very convenient "Directory of Publishers". There are in all 256 pages in the manual.

The manual is paper-bound. It is being distributed through the school and public libraries of the State.

NEWS NOTES FROM INDIANA LIBRARIES

Special Libraries—Indiana Chapter—On June 15, 1941, provision was made for an Indiana chapter of the Special Libraries Association upon petition by twelve active and institutional members of the Association. The Executive Board on that date approved the formation of the Association's nineteenth chapter, to be known as Special Libraries Association, Indiana Chapter. Members of the Association in Indiana were asked to notify the Executive Office, Miss Kathleen B. Stebbins, Secretary and Advertising Manager, 31 E. 10th Street, New York City, whether they wish to affiliate with the new Indiana Chapter. Those not making such a request before July 31 have retained their former affiliation.

Anderson—Sara Decker, who until recently was a member of the Anderson Public Library staff, was married June 8 to Ronald Russell. Mrs. Russell is now connected with the Indiana Employment Security Division in Indianapolis.

Frances Arbogast, a graduate of Ball State Teachers College, has been appointed to fill the vacancy made by Miss Decker's resignation.

Bloomington—Ella Davidson, who was librarian at Bloomington High School for several years, has retired. She is now living at the Rathbone Home, 1320 South East Second Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Brazil—A party of government employees from Brazil, South America made a special trip to visit their city's namesake in the United States, Brazil, Indiana. Among them was Cecelia Roxo who is in library service with the National Library of Brazil; she is in this country studying for a master's degree at Columbia University. Miss Roxo spent some time in the Brazil Public Library discussing its organization and policies with Mrs. Gunnison.

Crawfordsville—Wabash College—Robert S. Harvey has been appointed director of the Yandes Library at Wabash College. Mr. Harvey, a graduate of Wabash, has been state editor of The Indianapolis Star for the last eleven years.

Edward C. Werner, graduate of Indiana University and the University of Illinois Library School, has been appointed to take charge of technical operation of the library. Mr. Werner has been an assistant in both the Bloomington Public Library and the Indiana University Law Library.

Columbia City—The appointment of Olive Irene Morrow of Kearney, Nebraska as chief librarian of the Peabody Free Library has been announced by A. S. Nowels, president of the trustees. Miss Morrow succeeds Mrs. Lois C. Martini who resigned as of August 1 to marry Dr. Charles Haven McClure of Anderson, head of the English

department in Anderson high school and an assistant professor of English at Butler university, Indianapolis.

Danville—Central Normal College—Lor-ene Orr, librarian at Central Normal College for the last nine years, has resigned to become head librarian at Frankfort High School. Lois Blair, a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Illinois Library School, has been appointed to succeed Miss Orr.

Elkhart—Hospital extension service has been inaugurated in the Elkhart General Hospital by the local public library. Margaret Helfrick of the library staff will have charge of the service. A hospital book truck was provided by the Elkhart Business and Professional Women's Club.

Evansville—Mary Jane Straub, an Indiana University graduate, has been appointed assistant county librarian of the Vanderburgh County department to succeed Margaret Tatum.

Patricia McWarter of Newman, Georgia has been appointed to succeed Miss Judith Davis as librarian of the Cherry Street branch.

Mrs. Sara L. Denton has retired from the position of librarian of the Willard Library.

Mrs. Gray Davis Williams of Indianapolis, former technical supervisor in the State-wide Library Project, has been elected successor to Mrs. Denton, effective October 1.

Greencastle—Genevieve O'Hair resigned as librarian of the Greencastle Public Library, September 29, to accept appointment as an assistant state supervisor of the W. P. A. State-wide Library Project.

Greenwood—Mrs. Myrtle Howell has resigned as assistant librarian of the Greenwood Public Library after fifteen years of service. Mrs. Edith Betner has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Howell.

Hagerstown—Mrs. Harriet Bard has resumed her position as librarian at the Hagerstown Public Library. Mrs. Bard received her library science degree from the University of Michigan this spring.

Indiana State Library, Indianapolis—Leland R. Smith has taken charge of the division of Archives (July 1) with the title Chief of the Archives. The growing importance of the Archives led to the creation of this new position in lieu of the former position of assistant director at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Harold J. Sander became acting head of the reference division July 1.

Hazel B. Warren was granted a leave of absence to teach library science in summer school at Pennsylvania State College.

Kenneth Shaffer resumed his position as order librarian June 2. Mr. Shaffer graduated from the University of Illinois Library School this year. The June issue of *Illinois Libraries* published by the Illinois State Library carries a list compiled by him entitled "Library Publicity Literature."

Lova Dillman resigned from her position as cataloger July 1 to be married to Chris Riekert, Jr.

Indianapolis—Wilma E. Reeve has been appointed chief of the Circulation Department of the Indianapolis Public Library to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Marcia M. Furnas. Mary Wilson has been named head of registration to succeed Miss Reeve.

A staff loan fund in memory of Miss Furnas has been established by staff members and friends of the library. The fund will be made available to staff members for emergency purposes. Cerene Ohr is chairman of the fund.

Margaret O'Connor, Helen Thompson and Edna Rubin completed their year's training at Columbia University, this summer. Leila Sexton and Bessie Schertzer continued their studies at Columbia. Eleanor Johnson has returned from Columbia and on September 1 assumed her new position at State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, as cataloger.

Marian Henley, Alice Carter, Carol Latham, Eleanor Bechtel have returned to the staff from library schools.

Frieda Newman and Maude Stephens have resigned from the staff.

The library held entrance examinations for the training class from August 5 to 7. Classes began on September 29.

Leaves of absence have been granted to the following: Marjorie True, Mary Henderson, Violet Everett and Lucille Dichmann.

Kewanna—Dorothy Kaley has resigned as librarian of the Kewanna Public Library. Mrs. Ed Shadle has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Liberty—Jean Mitchell began her duties as librarian of the Liberty-Union County Library June 2. Miss Mitchell is a graduate of Ball State Teachers College.

Orleans—The library board of the Orleans Public Library has recently received a gift of \$100 to be used to purchase additional books for the Sophia Salyards Shelf. The memorial shelf was established last year when Mrs. Salyards made her first gift of \$100.

South Bend—Eva R. Peck, head of the Business and Industrial Department of the South Bend Public Library has resigned effective September 1 to make her home in Deansboro, New York. Mrs. Gladys Driver,

first assistant in the department will take Miss Peck's position. Margaret M. Smith, Western Reserve 1941, joined the staff in August to become first assistant.

Margaret Beattie, assistant in the Children's Room, was married July 5 to Joseph J. Hudak. Philomen Morisset, Wisconsin 1941, filled the vacancy made by Miss Beattie's resignation.

Geraldine Milne, Wisconsin 1940, will become head of the LaSalle Branch Library of the South Bend Public Library when Martha Jane Parker leaves the staff September 1. Miss Milne is now reference librarian at LaCrosse, Wisconsin and she was children's librarian at Merrill, Wisconsin before entering Wisconsin Library School.

Tipton—Mrs. Valerra Groves has resigned her position as assistant librarian at the Tipton Public Library to move to Noblesville. Louise Stapp has been selected to fill the vacancy.

Whiting—Mary Lanigan has been appointed an assistant in the Whiting Public Library to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Katherine Rueff and Mrs. Betty Trowe Sutton who shared duties in a temporary capacity. Miss Lanigan has completed a nine weeks' apprenticeship course under Margaret Smith, chief librarian.

ESTHER UHL McNITT

News of the death of Esther U. McNitt, chief of the division of Indiana History in the State Library, was received when this issue of the *Occurrent* was in proof. She died in the hospital in Logansport, early Wednesday morning, October 1. Three months earlier she had gone to her home in Logansport for her vacation. Here a long standing impairment, due, it was thought to an injury received in school days, brought on an illness which necessitated an operation, for which she went to Chicago. She returned to Logansport and was apparently on the way to complete recovery

and health when an infection developed which proved fatal.

The funeral service was held in the family home on the Perrysburg Road north of Logansport, Friday afternoon, October 3, and burial was in the family lot in the Logansport Cemetery. The State Library was closed Friday afternoon and the Logansport-Cass County Library was closed for the time of the funeral.

Miss McNitt came to the State Library in 1913 as first assistant in the division of Indiana history and archives. In 1923 she became head of the division. Under the im-

petus she gave, the archives have developed into a separate division. In these twenty-eight years Miss McNitt made herself the fountain head of information about sources for the study of Indiana history. She built up a collection of astonishing variety and completeness. She took unremitting and skillful care of the books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts and newspapers which composed it. She made her knowledge and her material available without stint to workers who could make good use of them.

In recognition of her services in the col-

lection of material and researches in Indiana history, the Indiana Historical Society has sponsored a memorial fund to be expended in the purchase of books to be marked with a memorial bookplate and to be added to the Indiana division of the State Library. Caroline Dunn, librarian of the William Henry Smith Memorial Library of the society, has consented to act as treasurer. There will be no solicitation, but those who wish to join in this permanent tribute to a great and beloved librarian are given this opportunity of making the contribution they desire, large or small.

GEETINGS FROM THE ANTIPODES

It was with expectation of surprise that the editor, the other day, opened an envelope postmarked Wellington, C. I. N. Z., adorned by a stamp commemorating the Centennial of New Zealand, with a picture of the "Landing of Main Body of Immigrants on Petone Beach, January 22, 1840," and resealed at the end by a strip "Opened by Censor in New Zealand." The letter enclosed was a request which conveyed a pleasant note of appreciation.

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Indianapolis, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR:

I have been very glad to receive copies of *Library Occurrent* from time to time and should be glad if you would send me copies regularly in exchange for *New Zealand Libraries*. I should be glad to receive the following back numbers: Vol. 13, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7 and all subsequent issues.

Yours faithfully,

C. Stuart Perry
HON. EDITOR

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